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AMENDMENT / RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is being timely filed in response to the non-final Office Action on the merits mailed January 26, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire April 26, 2005, subject to extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). A petition for a two (2) month extension of time to increase the period for reply from April 26, 2005, to June 26, 2005, is enclosed herewith to permit timely filing of this response.

The examiner states that claims numbered 110-221 are pending in the application; claims numbered 127, 129, 131, 135-137, 139, 141, 142, 151, 153, 155, 159-161, 163, 165, 166, 171, 174, 175, 178-180, 182, 184, 185, 203, 205, 207, 211-213, 215, 217, and 218 are withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Claims numbered 110, 123, 128, 133, 143, 157-158, 167, 176-177, 186, 199, 209, and 220-221 are amended herein; claims numbered 114, 127, 129, 131, 135-137, 139, 141-142, 151, 152, 155, 159-161, 163, 165-166, 170, 172, 174, 178-180, 182, 1840-185, 190, 203, 207, 211-213, 215, and 217-218 are cancelled herein. Therefore, following entry of this amendment, claims numbered 110, 111-126, 128, 130, 132-134, 138, 140, 143-150, 152, 154, 156-158, 162, 164, 167-169, 171, 173, 175-177, 181, 183, 186-189, 191-202, 204, 206, 208-210, 214, 216, and 219-221 will be pending in the present application.